

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA)

STRATEGIC PLAN: 2016–2020

Advancing Addiction Science

GOAL 1

**BASIC
SCIENCE**

GOAL 2

PREVENTION

GOAL 3

TREATMENT

GOAL 4

**PUBLIC
HEALTH**

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

NIDA's mission is to advance science on the causes and consequences of drug use and addiction and to apply that knowledge to improve individual and public health.

The NIDA Strategic Plan for 2016 to 2020 provides a framework for fulfilling this mission. Four main goals outline the broad scope of NIDA's strategic objectives. Across these goals and objectives, four priority focus areas aim to leverage new tools and technologies for studying the causes and consequences of substance use disorders.

GOALS

- 1 Identify the biological, environmental, behavioral, and social causes and consequences of drug use and addiction across the lifespan
- 2 Develop new and improved strategies to prevent drug use and its consequences
- 3 Develop new and improved treatments to help people with substance use disorders achieve and maintain a meaningful and sustained recovery
- 4 Increase the public health impact of NIDA research and programs

PRIORITY FOCUS AREAS

- 1 Understanding the complex interactions of factors influencing drug use trajectories
- 2 Accelerating development of treatments
- 3 Addressing real-world complexities
- 4 Advancing bidirectional translation

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